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GOG CLEARANCE FOR OVERFLIGHT, LANDING AND STAGING OF PROJECT
PORCUPINE GRANTED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY NOTE NO 3DF.2209.3/

3.A.1950, DATED AUGUST 28, 1978, WHICH READS.

QUOTE: THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PRESENT THEIR COMPLIMENTS TO
THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND WITH REFERENCE TO THE
LETTER'S NOTE NO 226 DATED JULY 25, 1978, CONCERNING A REQUEST FROM
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NASA TO CENTER IN GREECE A PROJECT TO STUDY THE COUPLING BETWEEN THE
EARTH'S MAGNETOSPHERE AND IONOSPHERE THROUGH A SERIES OF FLIGHTS
FOR A SIX-WEEK PERIOD COMMENCING ON SEPTEMBER 1, 1978, HAS THE
HONOUR TO INFORM THE EMBASSY THAT THE COMPETENT GREEK AUTHORITIES
ARE WILLING TO COOPERATE ON THE SAID PROJECT. THEY CONSIDER,
HOWEVER, NECESSARY THAT THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS BE TAKEN
INTO ACCOUNT:

1) THE NASA LEAR JET TO USE THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE FACILITY AT ELLINIKON. ALTERNATIVELY THE AIRCRAFT COULD STAGE FROM THE MILITARY AIRPORT AT ARAXOS.

2) THE GREK SCIENTISTS OF THE NATIONAL SPACE RESEARCH CENTER (HEAD OF THE CENTER, PROFESSOR MOUTSOULAS, TEL: (947307) TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EXPERIMENT.
AS THE GREEK GENERAL AIR FORCE STAFF WILL COORDINATE THE FLIGHT ROUTE OF THE NASA AIRCRAFT, THE AMERICAN TEAM SHOULD CONTACT LIEUTENANT COLONEL GEORGOPOULOS (TEL: 6428101) UPON ARRIVAL IN GREECE

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THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AVAIL THEMSELVES OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RENEW TO THE EMBASSY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ASSURANCES OF THEIR HIGHEST CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE.
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